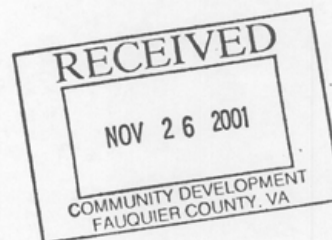


ATTACHMENT 1

Subj: PC Agenda 11/29/01-Initiation of Comp Plan Amendment for a Street Interconnection with Old Alexandria Turnpike (Route 693)
Date: 11/20/01 10:20:07 AM Eastern Standard Time
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Good Morning Mr. Sinclair. Hope everything is going well. In perusing the Planning Commission Agenda for this month, I noticed the above item listed under the work session for this month's meeting and wanted to voice concern over the proposal. As a resident of Old Alexandria Turnpike, I have seen increasing traffic due to the new entrance to Snow Hill and the development of other properties abutting Georgetown and Old Bust Head Roads. The increase in traffic is mainly on weekends because of residents going to the convenience site and into Warrenton to do their shopping. The cause for concern is our driveway is located within 150 feet of a one lane bridge located on Old Alexandria Turnpike. In speaking with the Virginia Department of Transportation, plans to widen or improve the bridge in this location are not on their radar screen. I have attempted to contact VDOT this week to see if that has changed based on the initiation of this proposal but have not been able to speak with anyone about it. In speaking with County Staff about the proposal, the idea is to get the connection into the Comprehensive Plan to allow for a signalized interchange at this location in the future to connect up with future commercial development across the street. I understand and agree with that in concept however the signalization of the intersection will stack and control traffic onto Route 693 and across this one lane bridge for which VDOT has no plans to improve. You wouldn't believe the antics I see waiting to pull out of my driveway - cars stacking 3 & 4 deep to charge across the bridge only to find there's not enough room on the other side because of traffic coming through the village thereby blocking the bridge to oncoming traffic. I've seen cars stop at the top of the hill to allow cars across the bridge only to allow them room to speed up and see how much "air" they can get when crossing. It is my understanding there is more development slated for the area behind us which would allow for even more traffic to use this route in the future. To summarize, I'm not against the concept however, I think somebody needs to look at the impacts this intersection would have on Old Alexandria Turnpike and its residents. If the connection is ever made improvements need to be made in the vicinity of this one lane bridge to mitigate the impacts of increased traffic and change in traffic pattern. The signage needs to be improved at a minimum. Coming down the hill into the village there is a single one lane bridge sign located approximately 25' before the bridge which is obscured by a telephone pole. Coming from the village and up the hill - you turn the corner to see a 45 MPH speed limit sign then a one lane bridge sign located about 10' before the bridge. Thank you for your time. Have a happy holiday. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, I can be reached at the number listed below.

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